

GOV. MALLOY ANNOUNCES LATEST ROUND OF FUNDING TO HELP REMEDIATE AND REVITALIZE CONNECTICUT BROWNFIELDS

\$7.9 Million in Grants will Impact 187 Acres in 14 Communities

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Dannel P. Malloy today announced that the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) is providing \$7.9 million in grants to 14 towns and cities across the state for brownfield remediation and assessment activities. The projects comprise 187 acres of redevelopment.

"Putting brownfield sites back to productive use is an economic win-win for the environment and our economy. The funding announced today will be a great benefit for municipalities as they begin the process of turning these contaminated properties into economic opportunities," Governor Malloy said.

Since 2011, the Malloy administration has allocated more than \$173 million in state funding for brownfield remediation and redevelopment in the form of loans and grants to municipalities and developers. For every dollar invested by the state, \$5.45 has been or will be invested by non-state partners. Connecticut has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as one of the most active and innovative states nationwide in the remediation and redevelopment of brownfields. With this new round of projects, Governor Malloy has invested in brownfield projects in 60 different municipalities across Connecticut.

"Under the leadership of Governor Malloy we continue to invest in brownfield redevelopment projects throughout the state," DECD Commissioner Catherine Smith said. "These strategic investments are a big reason why Connecticut is a national leader in the cleanup and assessment of contaminated sites."

"The state's unprecedented investment in the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields in cities and towns across Connecticut is producing impressive environmental and economic benefits," Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Commissioner Rob Klee said. "DEEP looks forward to working with the latest grant recipients to assist them in restoring these sites to productive use. The cleanup and

redevelopment of these sites will benefit the economy and the environment in the host communities and in Connecticut as a whole."

"Governor Malloy has made Connecticut a national leader in brownfield redevelopment, and the projects funded in this round are good examples of the broad impact brownfield redevelopment can have on our communities," DECD Deputy Commissioner Tim Sullivan said. "Whether it is helping businesses expand, developing energy projects, increasing the supply of affordable housing, creating new recreational opportunities, or supporting the arts and tourism, brownfield redevelopment is making a significant difference to Connecticut's future."

Today's round of state brownfield grants includes:

Remediation and redevelopment projects

- **Bristol 894 Middle Street**: \$1,339,000 grant to remediate a city-owned site to enable the installation of a proposed fuel cell on the rear portion of the site, enabling commercial/mixed used development on the street frontage.
- Cheshire 493 West Main Street: \$750,000 grant to continue abatement and remediation of the Ball & Socket factory, which is being converted into a mixed-use arts and cultural facility, leveraging state and federal historic tax credits.
- **Colchester 139 Westchester Road**: \$518,000 grant to demolish and remediate the abandoned Norton Mill complex, which has been vacant since the 1960s. The site will be converted into a riverfront park, supported by federal funding.
- Enfield 98 Prospect Street: \$550,000 grant to remediate an abandoned, former industrial site. Once remediated, the town intends to sell the site to an Enfield business to facilitate the expansion of their facility on an adjacent parcel.
- Hartford / Hartford Housing Authority Chester A. Bowles Park: \$2,000,000 grant to abate, demolish and remediate the Chester A. Bowles Park housing complex to enable its redevelopment as a mixed-use, mixed-income development. Phase I of the redevelopment includes 74 rental residential units and 29 homeownership units.
- Middletown 27 Stack Street: \$825,000 grant to remediate and abate a
 historically significant abandoned mill building into affordable housing, leveraging
 state and federal historic tax credits.
- Portland 222, 230, and 248 Brownstone Avenue: \$750,000 grant to remediate
 three vacant former industrial parcels immediately adjacent to the Brownstone
 Exploration and Discovery Park. Remediation will enable expanded parking for the
 park, public access to the riverfront and the development of a restaurant and
 visitors center.
- Stamford 1056 Washington Boulevard: \$362,000 grant to remediate a former gas station and dry cleaning site to enable the completion of the Mill River Park and Greenway.

Assessment Projects

- **Berlin**: \$35,600 grant to continue the investigation of 73 Woodlawn Road.
- **Derby (Valley COG)**: \$85,000 grant for investigation of 251 Roosevelt Avenue.
- **East Lyme**: \$200,000 grant for investigation of 224 Main Street.
- **North Haven**: \$200,000 grant for investigation of 250 Universal Drive, part of the Cedar Hills Infrastructure Improvement District.
- **Torrington**: \$100,000 grant for investigation of a portion of the Stone Container facility at 200 Litchfield Street.
- **Waterbury**: \$198,000 grant to continue the investigation of the Freight Street District.

For more information about DECD's brownfield redevelopment programs, visit www.ctbrownfields.gov.

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